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The Hon. Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Hon. Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

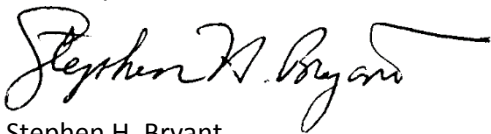
Dear Senators Markey and Warren:

Thank you for your letter of Friday, December 14, 2018, in which you asked for a response by today, Monday, December 17, 2018.

We are reviewing the issues that are raised in your letter, among many others. As you know, the National Transportation Safety Board is similarly conducting a wide-ranging review and, as NTSB Chairman Sumwalt said at the hearing that you convened, these issues are complex and a thorough investigation will take some time. Chairman Sumwalt noted that such investigations commonly run between twelve and twenty-four months. As he also noted, we have been cooperative in the NTSB investigation and the NTSB has had a very open dialogue with us.

In addition to assisting the NTSB investigation, we are continuing to collect information related to the Merrimack Valley incident, including the matters raised in your letter. We will respond to you when we are able to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen H. Bryant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

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